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THE EDITORIAL

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Sorry!! We have only managed to stencil our magazine this time!! The "usual" place could for practical reasons no longer print the mag, so this issue, and perhaps also the next will only be copied this way. But I sure hope that you agree with me that a brilliant look is that important! I think that the news and informations we bring you is more important. On the other hand I do think that our magazine should be brought to you in a proper way, and in this connection I would like to turn to you: Do you happen to know a firm or anybody who could copy the mag for us to a reasonable price? If so, please drop us a line rather quick!

This issue is as you can see a double issue, and has in fact twice as much pages as last edition. In the future we do hope that the "normal" (single) editions can be at least as large as this one. To be able to do this we would also need your contributions (see page 10 and 12).

Besides, you have got a new editor this time! Mr. Otto Skjermo has not completely ~~been~~ withdrawn from the Free Radio League, but he will not be as active as before! However, in our next issue we are going to present an article written by Mr. Skjermo!

What are your plans for your summer holiday? If you have plans to come to Norway, you must try to find time to visit us! Mr. Otto Skjermo is also managing a small camping place where YOU can pitch your tents free of charge or rent a cabin to a special price. (He has promised so.) It would be nice if you came!

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looks back on the greatest
of them all.....

WORLD MUSIC RADIO

INDEPENDENT RADIO IN EUROPE

On Sunday August 19th 1973 at 1058 GMT the Dutch GPO entered the house from where WMR was operating and stopped its activity after 10 years of broadcasting. This was in the middle of the John o'Hill Show which this particular day, according to information, was presented by Theo Verstraeten then Mr. o'Hill was on holiday. When the people from the GPO arrived they demanded the operator to close the transmitter, which was done with the following message to the listeners: "...Meanwhile, the management and broadcasting staff of World Music Radio to thank its many thousands of listeners, correspondents and supporters for their generous support in the past, and for playing their part in making WMR's ten years of broadcasting an achievement unique in the history of broadcasting. WE HOPE TO BE BACK ONE DAY!! Goodbye, and thank you! 73!" In this way World Music Radio left the airwaves, without any honour, but proudly.

But what caused the raiding of WMR? It all started with an express telegram from the "British Broadcasting Corporation" to the Dutch GPO saying that an illegal radio station called World Music Radio was on the air and that their location was The Netherlands. This telegram did not come from the British GPO or any other similar institution, but from the BBC, a radio station

that has NOTHING to do in this business! We can not possibly express how vulgar this act was, and we do not hesitate a second to call it betrayal. A betrayal against a young pioneer of Free Radio! We know for sure that the BBC acting the way they did lost many of its listeners and fans here in Europe, and I personally want to add that I have not listened to BBC at all after it was known what they have done to WMR - a station that all Free Radio fans loved very much. The Dutch GPO was practically forced to take legal action since they for a long time had been very patient with WMR.

Another main question is why the BBC acted the way they did. To this we can find only one answer: They looked at WMR as a dangerous competitor which had to be destroyed. The big BBC against the young pioneer WMR!! No comments are necessary!

Now for a brief look at the station's history:

World Music Radio started its operations in 1963 on MW using the name Radio Free Nederland (the station that now is using this name and which also is a member of FRL has nothing to do with former WMR). Later they switched to SW and did also use the name Radio Carolien, and in April 68 they started broadcasting in the 49 m band as Radio Euro-Weekend. Four months later the name was changed to World Music Radio and after some frequency changes (6067 kHz was an often used fq.) they broadcasted on the final 6250 kHz from September 1972.

The transmissions was aired on Sundays before noon, and in the beginning of July 73 WMR even added an evening show to their pr-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ON THE PIRATE RADIO SCENE

According to newspapers the Dutch government has signed the "Strasbourg Treaty" which means that the offshore stations have to close soon.

Radio POLAR (International) can now be heard on Sundays and Saturdays on 6225 kHz at 1000 GMT. Sorry we can't keep our promise from "Supporter" no 1 to return to R. Polar in more details this time.

UFO-Radio, which belongs to the Free Radio Network of R. Polar can be heard on weekends and maybe on other days on 6225 kHz at 2335- GMT.

Radio CAROLINE HOLLAND had to close down after 5 minutes on the first test transmissions. They were using an old amateur transmitter which exploded and burned totally. New starts are planned for winter 74/75. (TR) As you see it's dangerous to be a pirate station operator. (Red.)

UNITED RADIO EUROPE is a new mobile station transmitting in the German language, but QTH is told not to be Germany. They are asking for 2 IRC's for a QSL reply, and the QSL is only a very bad letter. (TR)

Radio SWING-IN is a rather new Swedish FM pirate which is transmitting with a power of 5 watts. The first broadcast was aired on November 29th 1973. To confuse the GPO they are using transmitters from different location and are constantly changing transmitter. Interfering with Radio Sweden the fre-

quency was changed from 95,5 MHz to 98 MHz.
(EA)

Still in Sweden - the result of the trial against RADIO 88, on which we had an article in last issue, is now known. The three people involved were found guilty in breaking the radio determinations and they all were fined: The troubadour: 300 Swedish Kr, the youngster: 250 Sw.Kr and the woman: 50 Sw. Kr.

The European Radio Association has recently been formed in England with a view to give some form of unity to the whole free radio movement in Europe, which at the present is rather disjoined and ineffectual. In this way it is hoped that our views will stand a better chance of being heard by the governments of Europe. The ERA will be a federation of existing movements.

Test transmission. This issue has been a little delayed because we have waited for informations from Radio ATLANTA WEST on which dates, times and frequencies the test transmissions were going to take place. We have so far got no info from the operator, but as far as we understand the first of these tests have allready been aired. These tests are carried out in co-operation with the ERL in order to improve reception in the Scandinavian countries, since the station has plans for regular programmes in Finnish and Norwegian. Radio Atlanta West will give tests on QRG's around 49 m as well as around 41 m. Reception reports from the Scandinavian countries are most welcome on this test tx., and no IRC's are necessary except for listeners outside Scandinavia who are asked to enclose 2 IRC's for a QSL reply.

RADIO GEMINI = SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After twelve months of successful and trouble free broadcasting, Radio Gemini suffered its first raid by post office officials on December 9th 1973. The resulting loss of equipment and other material has forced Radio Gemini to temporary close down.

The raid, at an alleged Gemini transmitting site, was attended by Messrs. Gotts and Frisby of notable post office fame, along with several others including two policemen and two trainee thugs (probably from the newly formed post office ~~thug~~ thug department). Our official photographer was at the scene, and it is hoped to publish such action pictures as "If he doesn't admit operating the equipment - give him a bunch of fives"...

Economies in taxpayers money and petrol were evident, through the use of three post office vehicles and a police car. They arrived some thirty minutes or more after the end of transmission - complete with search warrant. Entry could not therefore be refused and although evidence was purely circumstantial, a considerable amount of equipment was confiscated as well as a large amount of paper work.

The closing of Radio Gemini is very bad for us, and we hope our absence will be noticed. A special thank you to our many listeners who have supported us during the past year, and hopefully it will not be too long before we can be heard again on 6230 kHz in the 49 metre band. (Radio Gemini.)

The Radio Gemini court case is coming up in about a months time and we hope to return to R.G. then and give you more informations
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ogrammes. The programmes were partly life and partly partaped, and were controlled from Main Studio 3 which also controlled the transmitter. The different studios were equipped with tape recorders, jingle playing mashines and ~~tape~~ record~~ers~~ players. The station was known for its excellent shows and jingles, and also for its good contact to the listeners and its good club service. A WMR record has also been released.

WMR did receive thousands of reception reports from enthusiastic listeners all over Europe, and reports did even arrive as far away as from Japan!!

Besides Theo Verstraeten and John O'Mill some of the DJ's that were involved in the shows from World Music Radio were: Paul Bano, André, Steve Wainwright, Patric, Dave Hanleigh and Dieter. WMR broadcasted programmes in seven different languages.

World Music Radio was an independent, self-financing station and did not broadcast any commercials. Is World Music Radio only a yesterday's dream?? We sincere not hope so.

(Main source: "Free Radio News" from FRC-G.

We also want to add that we wrote to WMR asking for more informations on the station and did even enclose return postage, but we did not get any reply!)

In our next issue we plan to start a tips and a QSL corner. Your contributions are of cause needed, and when writing to us please note that we're only interested in informations on the Hobby Pirate stations.

Meetings.

Next winter there will be a meeting of pirate radio stations in West Germany. If any station operator would like to join the meeting, drop us a line and we'll arrange it. The following stations have already announced that they will take part: R. HIT SUB, R. GALAXY, R. BEEHÖVEN and R. CITY.

In the beginning of August this year a big DE-ers Summer Meeting is going to take place in Pyhäjärvi, Finland. In connection to this meeting there is going to be set up a real pirate programme, but more on this in a later issue.

A message from the operator of former Radio HIT INTERNATIONAL says that about 40 reception reports have been lost!!! So everybody who has sent a report to the station and not got their QSL card can send a copy to the station, and no extra IRC's are of course necessary.

WARNING. We have got messages from Holland and West Germany saying that mail from and to the "Free Radio League" have been opened by the post. So if you don't want anyone to see what you are writing, address instead your mail to "FRL".

An unidentified FM pirate has been heard in the vicinity of Stockholm on a freq. of about 100 MHz. Does anyone have any informations? And - does anyone have infos on a station identifying as Radio South International?

WANT TO BUY new or slightly used tubes: 2 x 6CH 21, 1 x EBL 21. Reply to "Tubes", FRL.

In our next issue you can read about Delta Radio International and Britain Radio Int., besides we hope to present the first in a series of articles entitled "Why Struggle for Free Radio?".

RADIO 2525

Radio 2525 is today only a project, but the first test transmission will start soon (in summer) on 48 metres.

The staff has a total of 4: one DJ, one engineer, one for the studio technic and one for external relations. All aged between 24 and 40 years.

The transmitter is home made and the output will be around 40 watts. Antenna: halfwave dipole (23 metres) 12 metres above the ground. Transmitter site: somewhere in Europe.

Transmissions will be on the air irregularly on Sundays/Saturdays for maximum of 30 minutes each transmission. The language will be English. The programmes will include music (old and new), records from the pirate scene some years ago, music requests and mail bag.

All reception reports will be verified 100% by a QSL card and information sheet. Questions will be answered during the programme. Reception reports are most welcome, ditto comments on programme and on technical quality. If you want to receive a QSL, please enclose 2 IRC's and a self addressed envelope.

Radio 2525 do not want any mail before the first tests have been on the air, so we'll wait to give you their address.

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about the raid. An unconfirmed message says that when returning R.G. plan to transmit mobile, once or twice a month.

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Deadline "Supporter" no. 4/74: ^{June} ~~May~~ 18th.

RECEPTION REPORT from
a Free Radio Supporter

Please reply to:

To independent
radio station:

Dear sirs,

I heard your station on _____ kHz on
_____ 197__ from _____ to _____ GMT.

Details on reception:

Time _____ Programme details _____ S I M P O

Interference noted: _____

Remarks: _____

Receiver: _____ Antenna: _____

Age: _____ Profession: _____

If this details correspond with your log,
please send me your QSL card or letter!

____ IRC's are enclosed.

Yours sincerely



Addresses to some pirate radio stations:

ABC Europe	Postbus 9363, Den Haag, The Netherlands.
Radio Atlanta	Box 117, SIRA, 91 Park Street, Horsham, Sussex, United Kingdom.
Radio Atlanta West	FRL.
Britain Radio Int.	Dept. <u>HR</u> , SIRA. (see above)
Channel Radio	97 Oswald Road, Dover, Kent, United Kingdom.
Delta Radio Int.	Box DR, SIRA. (see above)
Radio Gemini	50 Hempstead Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom,
Radio Polar (Int.)	FRL.
Radio Scandinavia	FRL.
Thames Radio	Box TR, 22 Fairdene Road, Coudsdon, Surrey, United Kingdom.
Radio Tiffany Int.	Tiffany Suporter Klubb Fack 1, S-12073 Stockholm, Sweden.
UFO-Radio	FRL.
United Radio Europe	c/o Sill, D-563 Remscheid, Eschenstr. 2, West Germany.